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Title : Need to appoint programme staff at AIR station, Himmatnagar, Gujarat so as to make it operational.

SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY (SABARKANTHA): The All India Radio station buildings have been built in Himmatnagar town of the Sabarkantha Constituency of Gujarat, which I represent. The AIR station is ready for almost more than 4 years, but it has not been operational due to non-appointment of the programmes staff. I have drawn the attention of the Government from time to time by raising the matter under rule 377 as well as by writing letters to the then Minister of Information and Broadcasting. It is a pity that despite my several representations the concerned Department doesn't seem to heed to the demand to make this AIR station operational by appointing the programme staff. Instead, the AIR station operational by appointing the programme staff. Instead, the Air Station, Himmatnagar is made 'relay station', which is highly objectionable.

Through this, I draw the attention of the Minister of Information and Broadcasting to the demand of the backward district where a large majority of people are OBCs, tribals and Scheduled Castes, along with minorities.

* Treated as laid on the Table